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The Microsoft Settlement is an excellent compromise in my opinion. I have been concerned for some time with the politics of what appears an attempt to punish success and reward both competitors and politicians by splitting the spoils of a broken Microsoft. I worked with a competitor of Microsoft for 30 years and was always impressed with their willingness and ability to consistently improve their products and invest in innovative development while my company and many others would bail out instead of competing with Microsoft products. I personally give Microsoft much of the credit for the affordable personal systems that exist today. I know for my 30 years in the industry, that the same competitors that want to punish Microsoft for making things functional and affordable, making them cut their big markups to compete, are the greedy companies that would have kept the price of personal systems out of range for most of the consumers that have benefited from the aggressive development, investment and pricing that Microsoft brought to the industry.

Microsoft has provided a personal system that no other of the greedy companies who were mad because Microsoft was successful with using the leverage of volume to provide rich affordable personal systems that their competitors had to sacrifice some margins to compete with and many of them simply hold grudges for the challenges they did not meet well. I know that my employer was one of them. Without Microsoft we would still be using command oriented systems that the home market couldn't use well or afford.

Please do not punish success through innovative, usable and affordable products brought to us by Microsoft.

Thanks,

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